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1. The Request for an Oral Hearing has been noted. The Examiner does not wish to attend.

All issues have been adequately addressed in the Examiner's Answer. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

2. **Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be:**

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